

SOCIAL EVENTS

ROOK PARTY

A rook party at the home of Mr. S. H. I. Bradford, Thursday was composed of Mr. and Mrs. Wartzel, Mrs. E. Bridwell, Mrs. H. I. Bradford, Miss Pearl Pell and Miss Ruth Bradford.

HIGH FIVE

Mrs. Fred Campbell entertained the members of the High Five Club at her home on Ninth street, Friday afternoon. Mrs. Logan McKee won first prize and Mrs. W. T. Dailey, second. Club members present were: Mrs. Logan McKee, Mrs. Will Randall, Mrs. M. Markwell, Mrs. John Dwyer, Mrs. George Edgar, Mrs. Tom Dwyer, Mrs. E. Martin, Mrs. W. J. Fleming, Mrs. Claude White, Mrs. Lawrence Welsh, and Mrs. James Mansfield.

HARBECK-HESS

Miss Myrtle Hess of Monett, and Leo Harbeck, of Fort Smith, Ark., were married Sunday, February 4. The marriage took place at the M. E. parsonage at Fayetteville, Ark., at 1:30 o'clock, Rev. Boggs being the officiating clergyman.

Mr. and Mrs. Harbeck returned to Monett, Sunday night, and will make their home here.

The bride is the attractive daughter of Mrs. John Hess. Mr. Harbeck is a mail clerk between Monett and Fayetteville.

BETA ATA PHI CLUB

Saturday being Miss Eva Marie Dunegan's birthday, the Beta Ata Phi club of which she is a member gave her a surprise party.

The girls brought her dainty presents in remembrance of the day and had a jolly good time together playing games and dancing.

Mrs. Dunegan served a one-course luncheon to the following: Misses Ruby Lane, Mildred Callaway, Viola McCadden, Grace Kepner, Juanita Otterman, Anna Jacobs and Fern Jones.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

A dinner party was given Saturday, in honor of William Leake's birthday at the home of O. O. Otterman on North Third street.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. John Leake, Henrietta and Harold Leake of Aurora, Mrs. Vance of St. Louis, Mrs. Hunt of Peoria, Ill., Arthur Leake of St. Louis, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Leake and Junior, Mr. and Mrs. John Carter, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Otterman, Miss Christine Otterman, Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Otterman, Juanita and Charles Otterman.

L. A. TO O. R. C. MEMBERS

Several members of the local Ladies Auxiliary to Order Railway Conductors are planning to go to St. Louis, February 7, to attend a class initiation of twenty candidates. All the Auxiliaries of the state are invited.

They will meet at Anchor hall corner of Park and Jefferson avenue. Among those from Monett who will attend are Mrs. Kirk, Mrs. Earl Ladd, Mrs. F. T. Watson, Mrs. B. P. McCaslin, Mrs. J. M. Clayton and Mrs. Dan Guinney.

CARD SOCIAL

The card social in the Catholic church Wednesday night, was well attended. Mrs. Kane and Mrs. Doyle had charge of the entertainment and planned it very successfully.

Miss Bess Dewine won the ladies prize which was silk hose and the gentleman's prize was won by Mr. Wimsatt. A ten-dollar gold piece was raffled off and was won by Fred Reinsmith. Several out of town folks were in attendance.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. D. D. Parsons was made to know Friday was her birthday because the entire day was a day of celebration. The Parsons family gathered together and had a dinner party, then at night a surprise party was given Mrs. Parsons by her friends.

They met at the home of Mrs. Fred Walton then went to the Parsons home where they had a jolly good time helping Mrs. Parsons celebrate, and they presented her with many nice gifts and served a dainty luncheon.

AUCTION BRIDGE

Mrs. J. A. Livesay was hostess to the members of the Auction Bridge Club and a few friends Thursday afternoon.

Although it was cold outside, the ladies forgot that little incident when they received such a warm welcome inside and they had a decidedly merry time.

The club prize, a pearl handled fork, was won by Mrs. Will Steele and the guest prize, a crepe-de-chine handkerchief, was awarded to Mrs. Chas. Mansfield.

Mrs. Livesay was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. Robert Ellis and Mrs. Earl Johnson, of Clayton, New Mexico. A one-course luncheon was served to the following:

Mrs. Flora Kahn, Mrs. W. F. Dumas, Mrs. Jas. Mansfield, Mrs. M. C.

Shipley, Mrs. Chas. Mansfield, Mrs. Sig Solomon, Mrs. A. Cole, Mrs. George Edgar, Mrs. W. J. Fleming, Mrs. Harry Smedley, Mrs. Logan McKee, Mrs. George Morrow, Mrs. A. W. Hubbel, Mrs. J. V. Dysart, Mrs. Wm. West, Mrs. Ora Hudson, Mrs. Will Steele, Mrs. Louis Tucker, Mrs. J. W. Patterson and Miss Margaret Edgar.

SKATING PARTY AT PLANCHON POND

The last cold snap has made skating good and a large pond at the home of J. P. S. Planchon is an ideal place to skate.

On Saturday evening a large party gathered at the pond and spent the evening in this fine sport. A large bonfire was built and this and the light of the moon made a cheerful scene.

Those attending were Misses Esther Arnaud, Violet DeJersey, Eglantine DeJersey, Fannie Combs, Alice Planchon, Freda Combs, Florence Reynaud, Ida Reynaud, Jane Bounous, Emma Stebler and Esther Reynaud, Messrs. Don Withers, Burl Henderson, John Combs, George Mermoud, Henry Planchon, Milton Combs, Stephen Arnaud, Henry Arnaud, Ami Reynaud, Harry Stebler, Reuben Bounous, Gilbert Planchon, Oliver Planchon, George, Walter and Milton Reynaud, Luther and Henry Lauteret, Ben and Alfred Cuendet, Lawrence Roetto, Efton Henderson, Albert Reynaud, Cecil Carlin, Leon and Felix Mourglia.

FRESHMAN PARTY

February will no doubt be a month of much entertainment, and the members of the Freshman class began the month by giving a delightful social affair for their class and friends in Campbell's hall, Saturday night.

The chaperones were Mrs. D. E. Miller, Mrs. S. A. Chapell, Mrs. J. J. Davis, Mrs. Solon Wright, Mrs. T. R. Price, Mrs. Harry Osborn and Miss Nerud.

The hall was tastefully decorated in the class colors, green and gold, and the amusement of the evening was dancing, Miss Ruth Hobbs as pianist.

A one-course luncheon was served to the following guests: Misses Fern Viles, Neva Armstrong, Mary Varble, Thelma Shreeves, Josephine and Margaret Price, Ruth Cole, Jessie Dummit, Helen Davis, Ruth Sizer, Jessie Belle Wilson, Isabelle Miller, Mary and Dorothy Burke, Lorraine Beatty, Ruby Pratt, Echo Dummit, Georgia West, Gladys Solomon, Margaret Chapell, Henrietta Leake of Aurora, and Catherine Gurley of Purdy, Messrs. Norman Nordin, Hershel Medlin, Harmon Gray, Archie Andrews, Irvin Floreth, Fred Dwyer, Harold Lewis, Vincent Wilson, Harry Burgess, Victor Thomas, Hardy Kemp, Raymond Kingery, Paul Pinnell, Harry Wieman, Lewis Wilhelm, Frank Boynton, Paul Wilson, Raymond Davis, Lon Perry, John Charles Wagner, Ferris Davis, Leslie Mason, Hiram Bradford, Lee Adams, Junior Westbay, Ralph Armstrong, Paul Matthews, Myron Dunlap, Virgil Thomas, Homer Counts and Willie Boucher of Purdy.

O. E. S. SURPRISE PARTY

Mrs. Geo. J. C. Wilhelm, Past Worthy Matron and Mr. Joe L. Lane, Past Worthy Patron, of Monett Chapter Eastern Star No. 190, were very pleasantly surprised at the home of the latter, Wednesday evening, January 31, by the officers and members of the Chapter.

They met at the home of H. P. S. Burke and went in a body to the home of Mr. Lane where Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wilhelm and family had been invited to spend the evening.

The time was spent in playing progressive Rook and other social games. At the close of the two-course luncheon, which was served by the officers, H. I. Bradford, in a few touching and pleasing words presented the Past Matron and Past Patron with Eastern Star pins in token of the appreciation felt for them by the members for the untiring efforts and loyal support which they had given the Chapter during the year 1916.

Despite the inclement weather the house was filled to overflowing.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm and children, Mrs. W. S. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Farrow, Mrs. R. B. Kyler, Frank Kyler, Mrs. Laura Leckie, Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Bradford, Mrs. Jim Matthews, Mrs. E. P. Bridwell, Mrs. Frank Ellis, Mrs. Julia Freeland, Mr. and Mrs. Dio Stone and daughter Wivever, Mr. and Mrs. E. Folger, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brown, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Peters, Mrs. Perry Short, Mrs. Ed Ball, Mrs. Claud Linthicum and son Frank J., Mrs. A. W. Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Horn, and Frances, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pruitt, H. P. S. Burke, Misses Ruth Bradford, Eva Dunegan, Elizabeth Harmon, Hazel Leckie, Nellie-Mills, Miss Eulala Lauderdale, of Joplin and W. H. Lane, of Seneca.

WILL SAVE DAY-LIGHT

Escaping the excessive heat of the summer and the saving of daylight has caused the classes of the summer session of the University of Missouri for 1917 to be scheduled to begin at 7:30 o'clock each morning instead of 8 o'clock as in past years.

CUPID'S PARTNER A SUCCESS

Philathea Class Entertains Large Audience With Home Talent Play.

The play, Cupid's Partner, given by the Philathea class of the Baptist church Friday night, was a decided success.

The story opened with a scene in Mrs. Freeland's (Grace Anderson) room in Mrs. Mulcahey's (Mrs. Von Todisman) lodging house. Mrs. Freeland was a poor dressmaker, who gave her daughter Helen to her sister-in-law, Mrs. Jardine, (Mrs. John Farrow) because she felt like she couldn't care for her in the right way.

Mrs. Mulcahey was a jolly Irish woman who had a daughter named Eva (Mrs. Percy Johnson), who had several affairs of the heart which worried her mother.

Beatrice Montfort (Ada Riggs) ter Pansy (Very May Todd), and to her sister (Buna Ruggles), were college girls who came to Mrs. Freeland's to have sewing done and loved her because she was like a mother to them.

Sybil Harlow (Christine Otterman) also attended this college until her father died and she was forced to stop and make a living for herself and sister pansy (Vera May Todd) and to Pansy (Vera May Todd) and also to give up her lover who is a son of Mrs. Jardine because the family of Jardines were very proud and wouldn't let a poor girl come into the family.

Dandelion Muz (Lois Wright) a red haired girl who helped with the work in the college, kept everyone in a roar of laughter by her slargy remarks.

The story ended in a happy way. Helen Freeland discovered who her mother was. Mrs. Jardine stoops to beg Sybil Harlow to marry her son, who had the fever and raved for Sybil and the doctor said it was the only thing that would save his life. Sybil's little sister is delighted because she had written a letter to Cupid, telling him to send her sister's Prince Charming, back and she thought her letter had been answered.

The story was cleverly acted and every one seemed adapted to their parts. There were several specialties that were also much enjoyed. Some youngsters fixed up like little dorkies, sang some cunning songs and Mrs. Alva Jones sang so sweetly that she was forced to come back and sing again for the delighted audience.

VERONA

Claud Lee came up from Monett, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John White of Monett, were visitors in Verona, Tuesday.

August Lechner died at the home of his son, Jake Lechner, Saturday January 27th, after a long illness. Mr. Lechner was seventy-five years old and leaves seven children, five boys and two girls to mourn the loss. Funeral services were conducted at the Sacred Heart church Monday and interment was made in the Catholic cemetery.

Charles Annesser, died Saturday, January 27th, at his home west of town after a short illness of pneumonia. Funeral services were held at Sacred Heart Church Monday morning and interment was made in the Catholic cemetery.

Mrs. C. F. Porter returned home Miami, where she had been for some time, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cash Vaughn spent Sunday at the home of E. A. Paschal, Geo. Penhel and family of Monett, and will McPhail of Purdy, spent Sunday with John Penhel and family.—The Advocate.

PLEASANT DALE

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brite and children and Miss Myra Meador visited E. W. Wallen's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McCormick and Mrs. J. J. Lauderdale visited at Joe McCormick's Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. R. B. Povers and Mrs. Walter Friddle visited Mrs. A. L. Beeman Sunday afternoon.

Witt Jenkins and Walter Tate visited at Frank Jenkins, Sunday.

Mrs. Taylor of Monett, visited Mrs. Joe Hanlon, Monday.

R. R. McCormick and family have been attending the revival meeting at New Salem, this week.

Mrs. David Hope took dinner with Mrs. W. T. McCormick, Saturday.

Geneva Powers, Alma Friddle and Florence Timmons visited Corinne Beeman, Sunday.

Rev. Combs and wife spent Sunday night with R. R. McCormick.

Miss Loretta Callan visited Mrs. Al Beeman, Friday.

Joe McCormick is slowly improving. W. T. McCormick and daughter Bess and Nell, attended church at New Salem, Sunday.

Oh! You good old summer time, how far away you seem when it gets 10 below zero.

COLD IN NEBRASKA

A letter received, Monday, from Bassett, Neb., states that they have just passed through a severe blizzard at that place. The mercury registered 30 below zero, Thursday morning.

FOR SALE—A few choice S. C. R. I. Red Cockerels. Prices reasonable if taken soon. Eggs in season. Mrs. W. H. Carlin, R. R. 2. wimp.

THE COUNTRY EDITOR

Many kind things have been said by the country editors in eulogy of D. A. Peters, the late editor of The Times. One article in the Neodesha, Kan., Daily Sun, of Saturday, January 27, with which C. P. Beebe, at one time in the newspaper business in Monett, is connected, is written in Mr. Beebe's own style and we credit him with being the author.

The article is as follows:

D. A. Peters, editor of the Monett, Mo., Times, died recently. The funeral was held on Saturday, the busiest day of the week when the town was crowded with people, but in the midst of it all, business was suspended for two hours and the people of the town, and from the country for miles around assembled in a body to pay their last respects to the dead newspaper man. It was a fitting tribute to his years of labor among his people, for like the average country newspaper man, he had been a factor in the upbuilding of his community from every phase of its construction. Through his paper he had advocated and created sentiment towards the things that were for the betterment of the people, commercially, socially and morally. Through his paper he gave to his readers daily the things that they should know; things that enlightened them and made them better.

Mr. Peters, like most country editors, boasted the town's enterprises, his columns were open to the things that were for the uplifting of his people and he advocated those principles so essential to the life of the community in which he lived. He was generous in his dealings with his people, no man suffered by reason of his desire to ridicule or abuse. He had no craving to humiliate friend or foe because his business gave him the privilege of so doing under the stress of some act that might be the foundation for a good story. The "good story," he what it may, might have served as a feast for morbid minds but there were other things to consider in such cases—things that every country newspaper man faces every day—a "good story"—some one fallen from the path of righteousness or some misdemeanor committed—the publicity of which could make it no worse apparently, but back of it all there may be a grey haired mother whose son has furnished the foundation for the story; a girl steps from the straight and narrow path and finds her soul in the whirlpool of public gossip; a father sacrifices his all over the card table or bar; all make interesting stories but Mr. Peters, like hundreds of newspaper men, looked further than the mere basis for the news item that might cause his paper to be read eagerly each evening. He pulled back the curtain that shielded from view the poor old mother, the wife and family, or the children of the farer.

For twenty years Mr. Peters has edited a newspaper in Monett—for twenty years he has seen the trials and tribulations of his people from a close angle.

Each life in the community is indexed in the mind of the country editor. He knows you like a book—he gives you praise for your virtues and commends you for your deed and accomplishments, but when you violate the trust of home and friends, you violate his trust, yet his columns bear no record against you—for he is generous; he has forgotten all but your virtues.

Editors Peters, like hundreds of country newspaper men, year thousands of them, was a factor for good in the community where he lived and his labors received a fitting tribute from his people, when rich and poor, old and young—everybody—gathered at his bier to drop a tear over all that was mortal of the old town editor and as the casket was laid away, many there were who must have said to themselves, "Who can write the story of His Life?" No living soul can write it as it was—but it is indelibly written in the hearts of his people and in their churches, schools and homes—and these, as monuments, should remind us that it is better that we leave our treasures buried in the souls of men than in the vaults of the exchequer.

It is no wonder he had friends—thousands of them; he had been the people's friends; he had made sacrifices that cost him thousands of dollars but he had been reaped in a friendship that was limited only by the boundaries of the community where he reigned—a country editor.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The city council met in adjourned session on Thursday afternoon.

They are busy revising the ordinances of the city to get them in better form. Little change is being made except in the wording.

The regular monthly meeting will be held next Tuesday.

LUTHERAN CHURCH SERVICES

Rev. Carson, of Sarcoxie, will hold Lutheran services at the home of Mrs. Kirchner, corner Ninth and Sycamore, every first and third Sunday.

BILLS TO PREVENT

RAILROAD FATALITIES

Two bills calculated to greatly reduce the number of fatalities and injuries on railroads have been discussed for introduction in Missouri legislature. While the precautions taken by the transportation companies to prevent accidents have shown marked decrease in the number of deaths and injuries to passengers and employees, the fatalities are still great among two classes of persons over whom the railroads have no control, trespassers and persons in automobiles and other outsiders.

Figures of the Interstate Commerce Commission show that in the United States during the twenty-five years ending June 30, 1914, there were killed 113,570 trespassers, and injured 123,611, a total of 237,181, or an average in this country alone of 9,478 a year. These are fatalities among persons walking on tracks or right of way of the railroads, getting on or off moving trains or cars, stealing rides, etc. Of this number, 33,205, or 14 per cent, were children under 18 years of age; and 156,549, or 66 per cent, were over 18 years of age and mostly wage earners. The remaining 20 per cent, or 47,436, were tramps or hoboes.

The warnings and appeals of the railroads to keep people off their right of way and thus do away with these needless and avoidable sacrifices of life and limb have had little effect, and it is only by the enactment of laws that these fatalities can be done away with or appreciably reduced in number.

Accidents at crossings, particularly to parties in automobiles, have also formed a very large per cent of the number of fatalities on railroads in late years.

It has been suggested that bills to prevent or lessen this unnecessary loss of life and limb be introduced in the present General Assembly of the Missouri legislature. One proposed bill would make it the duty of the driver of every self-propelled vehicle when approaching a railroad or interurban line crossing to bring his vehicle to a full stop not less than 10 nor more than 40 feet from the crossing and look and listen for approaching trains before proceeding further. Any violation of the Act shall constitute a trespassing and makes it unlawful fine of not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$25.00.

The other proposed bill is against trespassing and makes it unlawful for any unauthorized person to walk, ride or drive upon or along the tracks or right of way of any railroad company or to cross the tracks or right of way except at a public or private crossing. A violation of this Act is also to constitute a misdemeanor and render the offender liable to a fine of not more than \$100.00 or to imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 90 days, or to both fine and imprisonment. This proposed Act also provides that any station agent or section foreman in the employ of a railroad company shall have the same powers and duties in the enforcement of this Act as deputy sheriffs are given by the general laws of the state.

It is believed that if these two bills are enacted into laws it will have a tendency to minimize the number of fatalities and personal injuries on railroads within the State of Missouri and will keep out of public institutions and save the state and counties of the state the burden and expense of supporting numerous persons who are annually injured in this manner and rendered incapable of supporting themselves of their families.

MAN FOUND FROZEN TO DEATH

Lebanon, Mo., Feb. 3.—An old man was found frozen to death about fourteen miles west of here on the right of way of the Frisco Railroad, near Conway, yesterday afternoon. He wore a badge bearing the name J. Riley, No. 101, Liberty, Mo., and an Odd Fellows' pin. The Odd Fellows of Lebanon took charge of the body and brought it to Lebanon.

A HINT TO THE AGED

If people past sixty years of age could be persuaded to go to bed as soon as they take cold and remain in bed for one or two days, they would recover much more quickly, especially if they take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. There would also be less danger of the cold being followed by any of the more serious diseases.—Adv.

CASSVILLE

The sad message came to this city Wednesday, conveying the information that Miles T. Abernathy had died that day, Jan. 31, at 2:10 p. m., at Okmulgee, Okla., of euremic poison, aged 79 year, 1 month and 2 day. He had been making his home with his sister-in-law Mrs. Cas Abernathy and her son, Rev. John Abernathy, and had been living at Dublin, Texas, for several years, but had recently moved to Okmulgee. For years he had been a member of the M. E. Church, South, and was a consistent and zealous member. His remains arrived Thursday night and were conveyed to the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. B. Hessee, 1 mile west of this city and the funeral services were conducted Friday morning, Feb. 2, at 10 a. m., at the Methodist Church by Rev. Robert Kyle of Carthage. The remains were interred in Oak Hill cemetery.

Thos. J. Talbert, entomologist of the State Agricultural College, will deliver a lecture at the circuit court room, Saturday, Feb. 10, at 2 p. m., on fruit culture, spraying and the handling of fruit for marketing. Every fruit grower in this section of country should attend this meeting and learn his ideas on these subjects. John Ray left for Jefferson City, Sunday night.

County court will be in regular session next Monday.

H. S. Ferrell, a breeder of Beagle Hounds, of near this city, has informed the Democrat that three Beagles that were sold by him to parties in Pennsylvania and Virginia, were recently entered in field trials and all made winnings. He is an enthusiast on this breed of dogs.

Mrs. Bell Sifton left Monday evening for Montana. She is a daughter-in-law of Evangelist Sifton.

Claud Hessee and family motored to Monett, Sunday.

The Stony Point school district, was closed this week, on account of the mumps.—The Democrat.

Mrs. Counts, of Purdy, visited her sister, Mrs. Julia Freeland, Sunday.

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